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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Member of Congress:

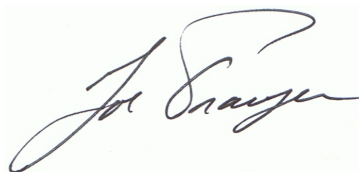
On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), I am writing to express our support for H.R. 3522, the Employee Health Care Protection Act.

The NAM's mission is to enhance the competitiveness of the manufacturing economy by advocating policies that are conducive to U.S. economic growth. The NAM is the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. Our manufacturing economy and our ability to create jobs are significantly impacted by changes to health care infrastructure.

The Employee Healthcare Protection Act would allow employers the flexibility to retain the healthcare plan they offered before the burdensome requirements of the Affordable Care Act forced them to alter their coverage and increase costs. Roughly 97 percent of NAM members provide health insurance to their employees and additional options provided under the Employee Healthcare Protection Act will allow some employers to maintain that coverage and moderate cost increases, which were cited as a top challenge by 77 percent of NAM members in a recent poll.

The NAM supports the Employee Healthcare Protection Act and urges members of the House of Representatives to vote in favor of the legislation.

Sincerely,



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